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Financial Management Group

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Mr. Theodore Dallas, Secretary
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
PO Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17110

RE: State Plan Amendment 17-0002

Dear Mr. Dallas:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-0002. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the amendment authorizes an additional class of disproportionate share hospital payments to acute care facilities to promote access in less urban areas of the Commonwealth.

We conducted our review of this SPA according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(3), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are approving state plan amendment 17-0002 effective April 9, 2017. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please call Gary Knight at (304) 347-5723.

Sincerely,

/S/

Kristin Fan
Director

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 17-0002	2. STATE Pennsylvania
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID) Title XIX	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE April 9, 2017	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 447 Subpart C		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2016 \$0 b. FFY 2017 \$322,148	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19A, Page 21bb		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): New	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Additional Class of Disproportionate Share Payments			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Review and approval authority has been delegated to the Department of Human Services			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: /S/		16. RETURN TO: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Office of Medical Assistance Programs Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning P.O. Box 2675 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110	
13. TYPED NAME: Theodore Dallas			
14. TITLE: Secretary of Human Services			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: APR 17 2017			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED: JUN 08 2017	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: APR 09 2017		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /S/	
21. TYPED NAME: Kristin Fan		22. TITLE: Director, FMC	
23. REMARKS:			

ADDITIONAL CLASS OF DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS

The Department of Human Services (DHS) will make an additional class of disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments to qualifying Medical Assistance (MA) enrolled acute care general hospitals to promote access to acute care services for MA eligible persons in less urban areas of the Commonwealth.

A hospital is eligible for this additional class of DSH if the hospital is an acute care hospital that meets all of the criteria listed below. Unless otherwise stated, the source of the information is the State Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 MA-336 Hospital Cost Report available to DHS as of October 2016.

- a) The hospital is enrolled in the MA Program as a general acute care hospital.
- b) The hospital is located in a city of the third class, as defined in the *Pennsylvania Manual* (Volume 121) with a population of at least 25,000 persons, based on the 2010 Census.
- c) The hospital has at least 150 beds.
- d) The hospital reported an Inpatient Low-Income Utilization Rate of at least 20.0%.
- e) The hospital's ratio of uncompensated care to net patient revenue was higher than 3.75%, based on the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council *Financial Analysis 2015, Volume One*.

A hospital's payment amount for this class of DSH payments will be determined by dividing the hospital's MA inpatient days by the total MA inpatient days for all qualifying hospitals and multiplying that percentage by the total amount allocated for these payments. The data used for purposes of this determination will be from the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 MA-336 Hospital Cost Report.

All payment limitations are still applicable, including those limitations that the Commonwealth may not exceed its aggregate annual DSH allotment and that no hospital may receive DSH payments in excess of its hospital-specific limit. DHS will not redistribute DSH payments made under this additional class of DSH payments to qualifying hospitals as a result of a qualifying hospital exceeding its hospital-specific DSH limit.

The FY 2016-2017 impact, as a result of the funding allocation for these payments, is \$0.622 million (\$0.300 million in State general funds and \$0.322 million in Federal funds) upon approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.